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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 10/084,359

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First Named Inventor DEBRA MARIE CAPPUCCI, ET AL

Group Art Unit 1771

Examiner Name Hai Vo

Attorney Docket Number 213202 00375

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the Amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 20, 2004 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above via emdash are enclosed).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Other. Preliminary Amendment
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other.

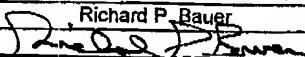
**2. Miscellaneous:**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees:** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.138 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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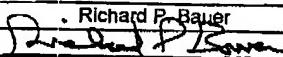
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